

CITIZENS IN TIMES OF PEACE, SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN IN TIMES OF NEED

The South Dakota National Guard is proud of its 146-year heritage of serving as the state's militia. Since its origin in 1862, our National Guard units served in combat during the Spanish American War, World War I and II, Operation Just Cause, Operation Desert Storm and Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. Our National Guard was also called up during the Mexican Border Conflict, Korean War, Berlin Crisis, Operation Noble Eagle and peacekeeping missions in Bosnia and Kosovo. Over the years, natural disasters have called forth the spirit of teamwork and sacrifice again and again.

Today, the proud heirs of the militia tradition can be found in the nearly 4,400 men and women of the South Dakota National Guard. They stand ready to leave the comforts of home and family to help their friends and neighbors, defend their nation's interests and bring peace and hope to people throughout the world.

QUICK FACTS

The National Guard is the only component that holds a dual-mission consisting of both federal and state roles. The federal mission is to maintain trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization for war or a national emergency. At the state level, the governor reserves the ability, under the Constitution, to call up members of the National Guard in times of domestic emergencies.

The South Dakota National Guard is one of the largest employers in the state with more than 960 full-time employees, along with more than 3,400 traditional Guard members who train on a part-time basis while pursuing a career or civilian education.

The SDNG expended 610 workdays last year in support of state missions such as fighting fires, snow removal and route clearance during the spring and fall blizzards, supporting the National Guard's efforts during the California wildfires, supporting South Dakota's Department of Transportation and Highway Patrol during state emergency operations, and responding to the needs of the citizens of the Gulf Coast during Hurricanes Gustav and Ike.

Spec. Justin Kolbeck
155th Engineer Company
November Blizzard
Interstate 90 route clearance
Sturgis, South Dakota
08-11-08

THE ROLE OF THE ESGR

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) programs and services help educate employers about the important role the National Guard and Reserve play in our strong national defense. Currently, about half of the nation's total available military manpower is comprised of the Reserve component.

ESGR was founded in 1972 with the mission to build and strengthen the partnerships essential to ensure that Reserve component members are available and ready when needed. ESGR, along with top military leaders, develops solutions to problems that arise because of employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve.

More than 3,400 volunteer businesses, civic, academic and military leaders serve on ESGR committees in every state, the District of Colombia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands and in Europe. These volunteers liaison with local companies, chambers of commerce, associations and civic groups to promote support for the National Guard and Reserve.

FAMILY SUPPORT

The success of the South Dakota National Guard relies on its military members and the families that support them.

The South Dakota National Guard values the support and contributions of our families across the state. Family programs not only benefit service members and their families, but also have a positive impact on a unit's morale and readiness.

The South Dakota National Guard's Family Readiness Program provides support by helping bond National Guard families together and promote a sense of camaraderie, aiding families in understanding the mission of the South Dakota National Guard and keeping families informed about activities sponsored by the Family Readiness Program and of the common rewards of military life.



Sgt. Matthew Veal
235th Military Police Company
Welcome Home Ceremony, OEF
Rapid City, South Dakota
08-01-17

IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES

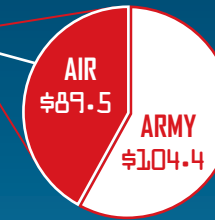
COMMUNITY	STATE & FEDERAL	COMMUNITY	STATE & FEDERAL
Aberdeen	\$2,781,157	Pierre	\$2,974,958
Belle Fourche	\$334,474	Platte	\$379,061
Brookings	\$2,891,755	Rapid City	\$8,102,302
Chamberlain	\$887,903	Redfield	\$544,730
Custer	\$130,890	Salem	\$898,039
De Smet	\$196,574	Sioux Falls	\$95,709,863
Flandreau	\$414,625	Sisseton	\$535,517
Huron	\$3,443,796	Spearfish	\$1,246,874
Lemmon	\$216,379	Sturgis	\$5,317,740
Madison	\$1,158,866	Vermillion	\$1,061,536
Milbank	\$1,147,726	Wagner	\$922,001
Miller	\$297,627	Watertown	\$2,321,557
Mitchell	\$6,680,084	Webster	\$1,107,011
Mobridge	\$710,948	Winner	\$218,586
Parkston	\$393,354	Yankton	\$877,729
*Other	\$50,519	*This amount is from communities that do not have a National Guard Armory but had funds impact its community and includes funds that impacted Sioux City, Iowa.	

TOTAL SDNG EXPENDITURES

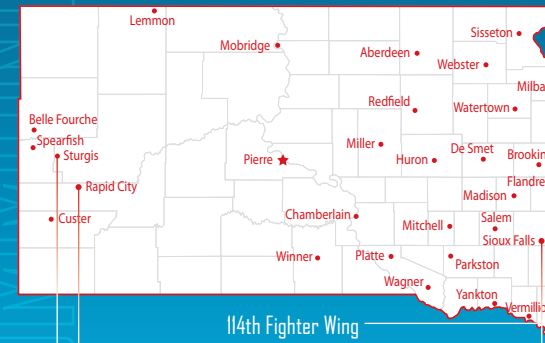
\$193,903,662

FACILITIES CONTRIBUTION FOR OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

State Facilities \$1,311,784
Federal Facilities \$4,265,065



COMMUNITIES AND MAJOR COMMAND HEADQUARTERS



114th Fighter Wing
196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade
Joint Force Headquarters
109th Regional Support Group
196th Regiment (Regional Training Institute)

SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD ECONOMIC IMPACT 2008



ABERDEEN PIERRE BELLE FOURCHE PLATTE
BROOKINGS RAPID CITY CHAMBERLAIN
REDFIELD CUSTER SALEM DE SMET SIOUX FALLS
FLANDREAU SISSETON HURON SPEARFISH
LEMMON STURGIS MADISON VERMILLION MILBANK
WAGNER WATERTOWN MITCHELL WEBSTER
MOBRIDGE WINNER PARKSTON YANKTON

THE SOUTH DAKOTA NATIONAL GUARD STANDS READY

The South Dakota National Guard continued to support the Global War on Terrorism, respond to emergency and disaster relief and provide for homeland defense. Our National Guard activated about 450 Soldiers and Airmen in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Noble Eagle.

Since the Sept. 11 attack on the United States, each of the 30 National Guard communities experienced a unit mobilization. Soldiers and Airmen from seven units returned from Southwest Asia in 2008:

- 235th Military Police Company, Rapid City, Custer and Sioux Falls
- Battery B, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery, Salem and Sioux Falls
- Detachment 48, Operational Support Airlift Command, Rapid City
- Detachment 3, Company A, 641st Aviation Regiment, Rapid City
- 114th Security Forces Squadron, Sioux Falls
- 175th Fighter Squadron, Sioux Falls
- 114th Fighter Wing, Sioux Falls

About 20 Soldiers from Company C, 1st Battalion, 189th Aviation Regiment (General Support Aviation Battalion), Rapid City, are currently serving in Kosovo providing medical evacuation support to NATO forces throughout the region. Fifteen members of the South Dakota Embedded Training Team, known as 'Coyote One,' are currently in Afghanistan training and mentoring the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police.

South Dakota's National Guard Joint Force Headquarters maintains a Joint Operation Center (JOC) that is trained, equipped and postured to execute assigned homeland defense operations. This center supported local, state and federal agencies during the emergency response to the November Blizzard in western South Dakota by coordinating National Guard support with personnel and equipment. The JOC was also instrumental in coordinating the National Guard's support to various emergency

management agencies during numerous forest fires throughout the Black Hills and to the South Dakota Highway Patrol during the Sturgis Rally.

The Army National Guard hosted its 24th Annual Golden Coyote Training Exercise held in the Southern Black Hills. The two-week training exercise has developed into one of the nation's top training opportunities for National Guard, Reserve and active-duty forces and included military personnel from Canada and Singapore. More than 4,100 military personnel, from 92 units, covering 27 states, participated in the exercise that was centered in training combat support units to include medical, chemical, transportation, signal, aviation, military police, engineer and quartermaster units.

More than 210 Soldiers from the South Dakota Army National Guard made up two rotations that were part of the Beyond the Horizon 2008 training exercise over several-weeks time during the summer of 2008 in Suriname. The Beyond the Horizon 2008 exercise helped improve the quality of life for Suriname people living in rural areas while at the same time improving partner nation's capability and providing opportunities for U.S. personnel to refine engineering, medical, mobilization and deployment skills. Members of the 155th Engineer Company and 153rd Engineer Battalion completed six engineering projects during the month of July around the capital city Paramaribo, Suriname.

The SDNG contributed significantly to the overall mission of global stability and promotion of democracy in its partnership with the South American country of Suriname. The State Partnership Program is a grassroots Department of Defense program that focuses on building relationships through mutual exchanges of ideas and face-to-face interaction between civilian and military organizations from a state or territory within the U.S. and a foreign country.

Sgt. Matt Hess
842nd Engineer Company
Battle of the Blades
Spearfish, South Dakota
08-09-13

Staff Sgt. Adam Hermann
Embedded Training Team
Operation Enduring Freedom
Ghorwach, Afghanistan
08-08-01

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

The South Dakota Army National Guard completed significant force structure changes in support of the Army's Transformation, a national strategy to redesign units within the Guard to meet the future needs of the active component. The Guard's former role was to provide a strategic reserve to the active component. Today, it is an operational force directly integrated into active deployments and missions. Legacy units like the 109th Engineer Group and the 147th Field Artillery Brigade were deactivated and replaced with a new force structure, and are designed to meet the needs of the future force here at home in times of emergencies and natural disasters, as well as, overseas supporting combat and support operations.

The 109th Regional Support Group (RSG), Rapid City, provides command and control for combat operations and assists active duty and Reserve component units in meeting training, readiness and deployment requirements. The RSG commands the 152nd Combat Sustainment Support Battalion in Pierre, the 881st Troop Command in Sturgis, Medical Command and Training Site Command all based in Rapid City. In its entirety, the 109th RSG is comprised of 18 separate units located in nine South Dakota communities across the state with about 900 Soldiers filling its ranks.

Sioux Falls is home to the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade (MEB) that conducts and supports combat operations and assists units in meeting training, readiness and deployment requirements. The MEB commands the 139th Brigade Support Battalion in Brookings, 1st Battalion, 147th Field Artillery in Watertown and the 153rd Engineer Battalion in Huron. This command is comprised of more than 2,050 Soldiers that make up 16 separate units located in 27 communities across the state.

The 196th Regiment, Regional Training Institute is located in Fort Meade and Sioux Falls. The two assigned battalions provide a variety of military schools. The Officer Candidate Training Battalion hosts the National Consolidated Officer Candidate School (OCS) Program as well as the Warrant Officer Candidate School. The Modular Training Battalion hosts a variety of noncommissioned officer development courses, the Combat Lifesaver Course, Modern Army Combatives Program and several individual military occupation specialty programs to include artillery and transport operator courses.

Master Sgt. Phillip Lakner
Embedded Training Team
Operation Enduring Freedom
Baghlan-i-Jadeed, Afghanistan
08-07-10

AIR NATIONAL GUARD

The South Dakota Air National Guard is located on the southeast corner of Joe Foss Field in Sioux Falls. It has more than 1,000 Airmen assigned to its headquarters and the 114th Fighter Wing. The mission of the Air National Guard is to provide combat capability to the war fight, security for the homeland and provide combat ready units in three roles: federal, state and community.

The four groups that make up the 114th Fighter Wing include the 114th Operations Group, 114th Maintenance Group, 114th Mission Support Group and the 114th Medical Group.

The Air National Guard offers a broad range of job skills including pilots, aircraft maintenance, logistics, fueling, firefighting, security forces, civil engineering, medical services, communications, and vehicle maintenance.

During the past year, the Fightin' Lobos of the South Dakota Air National Guard completed more than 35 major deployments in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, along with other security, humanitarian and alert missions. These deployments involved more than 900 unit members to eight different countries and 11 states. Overseas duty included deployment to Iraq, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, German, Curacao and Honduras.

Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Edgar
114th Fighter Wing
Operation Iraqi Freedom
Joint Base Balad, Iraq
08-08-25

Tech. Sgt. Michelle Smith
114th Fighter Wing
Operation Enduring Freedom
Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan
08-05-08

Lt. Col. Michael Meyers
Staff Sgt. Justin Sisson
114th Fighter Wing
Operation Iraqi Freedom
Joint Base Balad, Iraq
08-08-25